



# Annapolis Education Commission

April 27, 2022; 6:00 PM

## Virtual Meeting

1) Chair Ochs called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm

**2)The following members were present on roll call:** Chair Ochs, Vice-chair Booth Weaver, Golder, Pachler, Ellis, Norman, Bukowski (non-voting member)

**The following members were absent on roll call:** Collison-Lee, Mackall, Matthews, Starkes, Ald. Finlayson

Chair Ochs verified that a quorum was present.

**BOE:** Dr. Joanna Tobin

**Guest:** Dr. Shannon Pugh, AACPS , Director of Community and School Based Programming

### **3)Presentation on Community Schools in AACPS**

Dr. Shannon Pugh serves as AACPS Blueprint for Maryland's Future Coordinator; Supervisor of Title 1 Program; Community School Program Facilitator.

Dr. Pugh's complete presentation can be viewed at <https://youtu.be/HbCpxU44U04> at 0:02.44 through 1:32.25. The presentation addressed the following:

- Law/Grants; Funding was built into legislation based on recommendations from the Kirwan Commission detailing barriers to student success

- What is a Community School in Maryland?

- AACPS Community Schools

- 5 year cycle

- Wraparound services and programming

Community schools act as "connectors." They establish a set of strategic partnerships to connect students and families to resources that will help to eliminate opportunity gaps which have occurred more often than not because of living in poverty. Barriers to student success begin with lack of school attendance, followed most often by lack of access to fundamental needs, including but not limited to address social, emotional, mental, physical, biological, and

educational needs. It is anticipated that within the next five years there will be 28-30 designated Community Schools.

The commission had opportunity to discuss Community Schools with Dr. Pugh during the presentation.

4) There were no objections to accept and approve the agenda.

5) There were no objections to accept and approve the minutes as amended: Betsy **McKeon** is the correct spelling.

6) No public testimony was presented.

7) BOE Update: Dr. Joanna Tobin

1. Now that legislation is being rolled out for implementation of Blueprint for Maryland's Future, remind state senators and delegates to ask for help in "ironing" it out to make the legal structure work.

2. Update on the search for AACPS superintendent will be presented at next month's AEC meeting.

8) Committee Updates:

1. State Delegate Jones is accepting scholarship applications until May 13. State Senator Elfrehth is also accepting scholarship applications.

2. Transportation: Jess Pachler referenced Rachel Pacella's Capital Newspaper article which indicated that 16% of bus routes from the Annapolis Cluster had no buses running until February. This presents a barrier for learning when our students are unable to be transported to school. The BOE policy to opt in for transportation may impact achievement levels for those households not reached/for those who are unable to access necessary documents.

9) No items were presented for discussion as unfinished business.

10) New Business:

1. Elections will be held for Commission officer positions during the May meeting. No nominations were brought forth at this time. Nominations will be accepted until the May meeting.

2. The commission discussed three student positions to the AEC. A motion was made by Jess Pachler and seconded by Janet Norman: *The Commission request that City Council add 3 full-voting student positions to the AEC for one year terms, representing Annapolis High, Annapolis Middle and Bates Middle. Quorum will be defined to contain at least 1/3 of seated members present.* Motion carried on voice vote.

With no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, May 25, at 6:00 p.m.

Submitted by;

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